

system by a client;

generating a logical unit number map (lun map) for one or more physical logical units the client is permitted to access, the lun map excluding mapping of physical logical units the client is not permitted to access;

exporting the lun map to the client; and

receiving a data access request from the client for data on a lun mapped by the lun map.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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